

What is Claimed is:

1 A bacon package comprising a generally flat,  
substantially rectangular, packaging material and having a width  
5 at least greater than the largest length of each of a plurality  
of strips of bacon, said packaging material being ~~would~~ <sup>wound</sup> spirally  
to protectively surround the strips of bacon. X

2. A bacon package as recited in claim 1, wherein each of  
10 the strips of bacon includes opposing major surfaces and  
opposing edge surfaces, and wherein successive spirals contact  
an outer one of said opposing major surfaces and both of said  
opposing edge surfaces.

15 3. A bacon package as recited in claim 1, wherein said  
packaging material has a tapered end and perforations.

4. A bacon package as recited in claim 1, wherein said  
packaging material comprises cellophane.

20 5. A method for packaging bacon comprising the steps of:  
providing a substantially flat and generally rectangular  
sheet of packaging material;  
positioning a first strip of bacon along an edge of the  
25 sheet with a gap of predetermined dimension between the strip  
and the edge of the sheet, wherein the predetermined dimension  
is at least equal to the width of the first strip of bacon;

folding the edge of the sheet over the strip of bacon;  
positioning a second strip of bacon adjacent to the first  
30 strip of bacon;  
folding the first strip of bacon over the second strip of bacon; and

repeatedly performing the last two steps recited above to protectively package a plurality of strips of bacon in a spiral fashion.

5 6. A method as recited in claim 5, wherein all of the strips of bacon are positioned on the sheet prior to folding the sheet.

7. A method for packaging bacon comprising the steps of:  
10 providing a substantially flat, generally rectangular, sheet of packaging material;  
positioning a first strip of bacon along an edge of one end of the sheet;  
folding the first strip of bacon over;  
15 positioning a second strip of bacon adjacent to the first strip of bacon;  
folding the first strip of bacon over the second strip of bacon; and  
repeatedly performing the last two steps recited above to 20 protectively package a plurality of strips of bacon in a spiral fashion.

8. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein all of the strips of bacon are positioned on the sheet prior to folding the sheet.

9. A bacon package comprising:  
at least one support material for supporting a plurality of strips of bacon; and  
30 a protective covering material wrapped around said support material(s) and said strips of bacon.

10. A bacon package as recited in claim 9, wherein said support material comprises plastic.

11. A bacon package as recited in claim 9, wherein said protective covering comprises cellophane.

12. A bacon package as recited in claim 9, wherein an edge of said protective covering is secured to an edge of a bottom one of said support material(s), and wherein an opposite edge of said protective covering overlaps said edge of said protective covering.

13. A method for packaging bacon comprising the steps of: providing at least one support material, a plurality of bacon strips, and a protective covering;

positioning the support material(s) on top of a portion of the protective covering;

positioning at least one of the bacon strips on top of the support material(s);

positioning another support material(s) over the bacon strips;

repeating the last two recited steps until all of the bacon strips are positioned on top of or between the support material(s); and

25 wrapping the protective covering around the bacon strips and the support material(s) to form a protective packaging.

14. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein an edge of the protective covering is secured to a bottom on of the support material(s), and wherein an opposite edge of the protective covering overlaps the edge of the protective covering.

15. A bacon package as recited in claim 1, wherein said strips of bacon are supported on a substantially flat and substantially rigid support material.

5 16. A method for packaging bacon as recited in claim 13, wherein said step of providing a plurality of bacon strips comprises the steps of:

providing a substantially flat and generally rectangular sheet of packaging material;

10 positioning a first strip of bacon along an edge of the sheet with a gap of predetermined dimension between the strip and the edge of the sheet, wherein the predetermined dimension is at least equal to the width of the first strip of bacon;

folding the edge of the sheet over the strip of bacon;

15 positioning a second strip of bacon adjacent to the first strip of bacon;

folding the first strip of bacon over the second strip of bacon; and

20 repeatedly performing the last two steps recited above to protectively package a plurality of strips of bacon in a spiral fashion.

25 17. A method for packaging bacon as recited in claim 13, wherein the step of providing a plurality of strips of bacon comprises the steps of:

providing a substantially flat, generally rectangular, sheet of packaging material;

positioning a first strip of bacon along an edge of one end of the sheet;

30 folding the first strip of bacon over;

positioning a second strip of bacon adjacent to the first strip of bacon;

folding the first strip of bacon over the second strip of bacon; and

repeatedly performing the last two steps recited above to protectively package a plurality of strips of bacon in a spiral fashion.

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